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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 71.4 degrees, 2.5 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, July 25. Precipitation averaged 0.92 inches, 0.11 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 32 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, July 23. This is 2 days above last year but 0.3 days below the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 26 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2004	5.2	6.2	63.1
2003	3.2	5.7	55.9
1999-2003 Average	5.5	5.8	71.7

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	4	26	63	7
Last Week	5	35	55	5
Same Week Last Year	0	3	59	38
1999-2003 Average	19	28	44	9

are blooming, 14 percentage points above last year, and five percentage points above the five-year average. Thirty-seven percent of **soybeans** are setting pods. This is 11 days ahead last year and six days ahead of the five-year average. The second cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is 69 percent complete, eight days ahead of 2003, but five days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is five percent complete, three days ahead of last year, but about six days behind the five-year average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is 42 percent complete, about six days ahead of last year, but six days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Other Hay** at two percent complete, is six days ahead of last year, but one day behind the five-year average. **Summer Apples** are currently at 39 percent harvested. Thirty-six percent of **Peaches** are harvested.

Many areas of Ohio are receiving plenty of rain while other sections of the state are reporting dry conditions. Brown county has experienced dry weather this past week. The planting season this year has caused some hardships among some farmers. However, some areas that were needing rain last week received welcome showers from Wednesday to Friday. In Fairfield county, the corn and bean growth benefitted from the rain. The abundant moisture which occurred earlier in the season, has affected the production and growth of many crops. The wheat harvest went well, however, test weights seemed to be low due to head scab and other diseases from prior soggy weather. Baling straw and hay, and applying herbicides to soybeans were the main activities this past week. Many counties have also been getting ready for county fairs. The oat harvest is complete in Williams county. Farmers in Lucas county have been busy picking squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, sweetcorn, and peppers. The peaches in Fulton county incurred some hail damage this past week.

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 25

**Corn** silked is approximately 85 percent completed, 13 days ahead of last year, and 10 days ahead of the five-year average. **Corn** in dough is roughly 15 percent complete, 12 days ahead of 2003 and five days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Approximately 84 percent of **Oats** are ripe, compared to 59 percent last year and 78 percent for the five-year average. **Oats** harvested is 30 percent completed, compared to 13 percent last year and 34 percent for the 1999-2003 average. Seventy-seven percent of the **soybeans**

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Pasture condition was rated at 64 percent good to excellent compared to 59 percent the previous week. Livestock was doing well in Harrison and Monroe counties. Monroe county reported pink eye in some of the cattle, however, the young calves are continuing to grow well.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 25

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	69	53	76	50	NA
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	5	3	10	2	NA
Apples harvested (summer)	39	32	37	29	NA
Corn silked	85	54	61	67	50
Corn in dough	15	1	6	5	9
Peaches harvested	36	17	23	22	NA
Oats ripe	84	59	78	50	NA
Oats harvested	30	13	34	14	5
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	42	32	52	33	NA
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	2	NA	3	1	NA
Soybeans blooming	77	63	72	66	59
Soybeans setting pods	37	15	22	15	16

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 25					
CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	24	45	17
Previous Week	4	10	26	45	15
Previous Year	3	9	29	45	14
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	13	32	43	9
Previous Week	5	12	31	43	9
Previous Year	3	9	33	47	8
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	4	27	59	8
Previous Week	1	14	29	48	8
Previous Year	4	8	35	47	6
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	7	27	53	11
Previous Week	3	8	30	48	11
Previous Year	1	4	22	59	14
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	12	29	43	11
Previous Week	5	13	31	40	11
Previous Year	3	10	31	45	11

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 25										
Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	71.5	-2.2	1.26	0.20	15.78	2.00	129	-32	1715	39
North Central	71.1	-2.4	0.67	-0.24	16.57	2.52	128	-32	1693	57
Northeast	70.2	-1.9	0.31	-0.61	17.43	3.11	123	-29	1553	15
West Central	72.0	-2.3	1.21	0.11	16.82	1.47	134	-31	1854	105
Central	71.7	-2.6	0.94	-0.17	18.50	3.07	131	-34	1865	97
Central Hills	70.4	-2.4	0.48	-0.52	19.72	4.57	123	-33	1695	63
Northeast Hills	70.1	-2.9	0.35	-0.59	18.08	3.13	122	-35	1687	34
Southwest	72.7	-2.7	1.22	0.15	15.92	-0.36	142	-29	1980	133
South Central	72.4	-3.0	1.32	0.29	17.77	2.88	136	-34	2014	137
Southeast	71.2	-2.8	1.01	-0.10	18.04	2.95	128	-34	1866	105
STATE	71.4	-2.5	0.92	-0.11	17.40	2.45	130	-32	1805	82

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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